

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Claims 1, 4-5, 9-10, 12, and 16-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 11, 13-15 and 20-31 are pending for examination. The pending claims correspond to non-elected subject matter from the parent application.

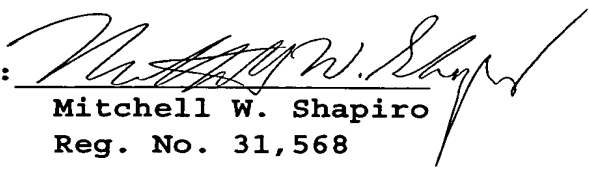
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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